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Fernwood Botanical Garden welcomes new Director of Horticulture

COMMUNITY REPORT

NILES — Fernwood Botanical Gardens has announced a new hire to the garden's horticulture team.

Jonathon Hensley, Director of Horticulture, joined the staff on Tuesday, Aug. 20.

Hensley is from Indianapolis, Indiana, and has an undergraduate degree in philosophy from Wabash College, where he was assigned the opportunity to work at the college's arboretum. This experience determined his career path. Hensley went on to earn his Professional Gardener's Training Program Diploma in Ornamental Horticulture from Longwood Gardens/Temple University. Following this, he went on to pursue a Master of Science in Horticultural Science/Floriculture from the University of Minnesota. Among other areas, Jonathan studied green roof technology at the University of Minnesota.

Hensley is an experienced horticulture professional, with twenty-three years of horticulture, greenhouse, and landscape experience with crossover and supplemental trade skill capacity. His thirteen years of project management and staff supervisory experience will be a strong asset in his new position.

"We are so excited to welcome Jonathon Hensley to Fernwood in this important leadership role. He brings a broad range of work experience to the position, where he will apply his knowledge and expertise to our gardens, natural areas, and facilities. Jonathon will follow in the path of other visionary leaders in this position and bring great energy to the Fernwood team," said Carol Line, Fernwood Executive Director.

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Jonathon Hensley, Director of Horticulture, joined the Fernwood staff on Tuesday, Aug. 20.

State suspends Niles child care center's license after finding 65 violations

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP — The Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential Child Care Licensing Bureau has summarily suspended and issued a notice of intent to revoke the child care center license of Tiny Tators Childcare LLC, 1036 Bell Rd., Niles.

The complaint investigation that concluded on Thursday, Aug. 22, found violations of the Child Care Organizations Act and administrative rules, including but not limited to the following:

• Failure to act in a manner that is conducive to the welfare of children

• Failure to provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times

• Failure to maintain the premises in a clean and safe condition

• Failure to have the administrative capability to operate a child care center in a manner that is conducive to the welfare of children

During the most recent investigation, the Bureau found 65 violations with 21 being repeat violations. Of the 65 violations, 38 were related to the health and safety of the children in care. There are no children currently enrolled at the center.

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Niles approves three-year utility rate increases

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES — Users of the city's core utilities will be paying a bit more for service over the coming years.

The Niles City Council moved 6-1 to approve three-year rate adjustments for the city's electric, water and sewage customers not to exceed the recommended rate track during their meeting Monday.

Utility Financial Solutions, LLC completed the city's Financial Projection and Rate Track in January. The report contains recommended rate tracks to keep the utilities healthy, generate sufficient operating income, account for debt service, and to prevent further deterioration of infrastructure through capital improvements.

Without rate adjustments, the Electric Division Financial Statement projection indicated diminishing operating income and below targets in minimum cash, the Water

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— **Superintendent Patricia Robinson**

CLASS IN SESSION

Buchanan schools welcome back students for school year

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES — After a summer away, students from across the area returned to school this week for the 2024-2025 school year.

In Buchanan, Buchanan Community Schools elementary, middle and high school students jumped into the new year with a full day of classes.

"There's lots of excitement in buildings," said Superintendent Patricia Robinson. "Students were attentive and there's lots of positive energy here in the high school."

Robinson visited the buildings in the district and noted that teachers had begun teaching on the first day of school.

"Setting expectations and routines from the start really helps ensure that the remainder of the year is productive," Robinson said. "The students are aware of what is expected of them. It has been a very positive opening to the school year."

Robinson is entering her fifth year as BCS Superintendent and is looking forward to seeing academic growth throughout the district. The district is entering its third year of an English Language Arts program for its second and third graders and an ELA program for sixth and seventh graders. In addition, the high school has begun offering an advanced chemistry course and an advanced placement government course.

"I'm excited to see those courses continue to generate interest," Robinson said.

As the school year progresses, Robinson looks forward to see the continuation of the community pride the district is known for.

"We have a number of clubs that high school students are able to be a part of. Our entire district gets involved in spirit week and our traveling parade, which generates a lot of pride in our students. Seeing the parents and families at different events throughout the year, it's nice to see the community get involved with the district."

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Moccasin Elementary students pose for a photo during back to school week.

OBITUARIES

Judith Ann Vinnedge
Kay Ellen Stephens
Charlie Lee Johnson
Patricia Williams
Jerry Robert Timm
Jonathan Hamblin
June C. Doll
Roger A.C. Smith
Thomas Checkley
Sherry E. Hilden
Frances "Jean" Reidenbach
Betty Lou Anderson
John Mark Kelley, Sr.
Hilda Jane Afman
Peggy Anne Kirtley
Cindy Lou Ann (Goodger) Roland
Sharon Marie DeMarco (Roberts)
Ralph Vander Werf
Joseph Francis Robinson
Gary Lynn Maxam

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Cassopolis volleyball bests Brandywine 3-1

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"RFK Jr. is a nut job. Always has been a nut job. Always will be a nut job. He is just Jones-ing for a cabinet position."

"24 years of military service is amazing service to the country and should not be belittled."

"Kamala has had four years to fix the things she claims she wants to fix."

"Trump has been married three times and convicted of hush money payments in a court of law. He was writing "reimbursement" checks to his attorney while sitting in the oval office, yet Kamala is the untrustworthy candidate?"

"My karma ran over my dogma."

"High School fall sports needs your support..... go to a game, buy some popcorn and cheer on the team. It means so much to these kids and school spirit."

"Thank you to the businesses for keeping your doors open during such a difficult road construction time on 51."

"When will interest rates finally drop? We need this economy to move forward again."

"If you are willing to make $1100 per month truck payments, don't complain about the cost of cigarettes and gas. Nobody in line really wants to hear it. Many of us are just trying to get by."

"Vote your conscience, not Fox, not Msnbc or Cnn. Vote for honesty, truth and justice."

"Should leaf burning be allowed when the smoke covers the entire highway? I would think that might be considered a hazard to driving on those roads."

"Maybe, just maybe it's time to give peace a chance!."

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CASSOPOLIS ANTIQUE, VINTAGE STORE TO CLOSE NEXT MONTH

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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CASSOPOLIS — A Cassopolis antique and vintage store will soon be closing its doors.

Past, Presents and More, 149 S. Broadway St., Cassopolis, announced on Facebook that it will be closing its doors next month after opening in September 2021. Owner Theresa Slaski sells her own vintage finds, home décor and furniture, as well as items from various vendors at the storefront.

"Business has slowed down quite a bit," Slaski said. "We were doing pretty well when we first opened and summer is when we get most of our business but it just hasn't happened to us this year. I'm close to retirement age and I'm ready for a new chapter."

Items in the store – open from 10 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday – will be 25 percent off Thursday, Aug. 29 through Sunday, Sept. 1 and 50 percent off Thursday, Sept. 5 through Sunday, Sept. 8. Slaski said she plans on closing the store at the end of September.

A longtime collector of antiques, Slaski had been selling her finds at area antique malls and other places for several years. When the opportunity came for her to rent a space in downtown Cassopolis, she decided to take the plunge and open her own business.

"I was excited because I grew up here," she said. "I've lived here all my life and I've always been into antiques – we followed in my mother's footsteps."

While she looks forward to what will come next, Slaski will also look back fondly on her years owning a treasure trove for community members to discover.

"A lot of antiques that I've found and get excited about, I put them in the store and I get to see somebody else get excited about finding them. So I get to relive it all over again," she said. "It's always fun being on the hunt and finding good deals and finding things for the store. I have no regrets."

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Theresa Slaski opened Past, Presents and More in September 2021.

City closing portion of Second Street for NODE construction

STAFF REPORT

NILES — Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 3, the portion of Second Street between Main Street and the alley to the north will be closed to begin construction of the downtown public outdoor space.

During construction, the site is expected to be fenced off but the sidewalks will be accessible to the local businesses. The project is expected to be completed on or around Nov. 22, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

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Buchanan Community Schools announces 2024 Hall of Fame class

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BUCHANAN — Buchanan Community Schools Hall of Fame has unveiled its Class of 2024 inductees who will be formally inducted during halftime of the Bucks' football game against White Pigeon Friday, Sept. 6 at Memorial Field. The group includes Michael Greene '87, Donald Pears 1918 and Ronald Stone.

The purpose of the Buchanan Community Schools Hall of Fame is to recognize Buchanan Community Schools alumni, staff, volunteers and other individuals who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to society, their contributions to Buchanan Community Schools or their performance in school-related activities.

Contributions to Society

• These individuals must be graduates of Buchanan High School who have in some way made an out- standing contribution to society.

• Accomplishments have been recognized at the local, State or National levels, or are the result of long-term (twenty (20) years or more) volunteering efforts.

• The individual has been out of school for at least ten (10) years.

Contributions to Buchanan Community Schools

• These individuals may or may not be graduates of Buchanan High School, but are or have been teachers, administrators, coaches, school board members, school volunteers, or other individuals who have in some way contributed to Buchanan Community Schools

• This person must have made a significant contribution as an employee, volunteer, or student which helped make Buchanan Community Schools better.

Performance in School-Related Activities (Academics/Athletics)

These individuals must be graduates of BHS who have exhibited outstanding achievement in academics and/or athletics. Alumni may be nominated as individuals or as part of an outstanding team for group ten (10) years after graduation from BHS. The following elements are to serve as a guide for the selection committee. Not all criteria must be met for selection.

1. Earned an academic accomplishment of Rhodes Scholar, perfect SAT/ACT score, Academic All- American in college, earned a Ph.D., to name a few.

2. Established a school record.

3. Performed a significant accomplishment.

4. Placed at State level competition or participated on a teanvigroup that qualified for the State semi-finals or finals.

5. Won a district, regional or State Championship as an Individual or member of a team/group

6. Received "All-State" recognition.

7.Participated in performance-related activities at the post-secondary or professional level.

Past Hall of Fame Inductees

John J. Karpinski, 2023; Bill Weaver, 2023; Dr. Erin McKean, 2023; Eddie L. Miller, 2022; Sharon Gregorski, 2022; David D. Shoemake, 2022; James Jesse, 2021; Lloyd Miller, 2021; 1985 Class C State Baseball Team, 2021; James Busby, 2020; Michael Young, 2020; Jack Walkden, 2020; Jay E. Town, 2019; Leon Bagwell, 2019; Patience Vanderbush, 2019; Wayne & Ruth Writer, 2018; Wade Amiel, 2018; Dr. Becky Gray, 2017; Frank Mucha, 2017; Marie Kangas, 2017; Leroy Bobbitt, 2015; Steve Bender, 2015; Major Tomas Moore, 2015; 1976 Boys Basketball Team, 2014; Jerry & LeeAnn Flenar, 2014; Michelle Hamilton Burns, 2014; William J. Karpinski, 2013; Don Ross, 2013; Ruth Rose, 2013; Dale Rifenberg, 2012; Don & Kay Trull, 2012; Matteo Dinolfo, MD 2012; Gerald Busby, 2011; Kay Welsh, 201; Virginia Arnold Driskill, 2011; Richard Proud, 2010; Raymond Berry, 2010; Letitia Bowen, 2010; Megan Smedley, 2009; Dr. Robert White, 2009; Harold C. Stark, 2009; Richard Dougherty, 2008; Lisa Louise Swem, 2008; Louie Morse, 2008; Don Rennhack, 2008; Willian Runkewich, 2008; Michal Smedley, 2008; Virgil Max Exner, 2008; 1966 Football Team, 2008

Buchanan looks to revive Downtown Development Authority

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

BUCHANAN — Buchanan City Commissioners believe the best way to pursue participation in the Michigan Main Street program is to revive the Downtown Development Authority that they disbanded in 2020.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Weedon announced at Monday's city commission meeting that commissioners are asking city staff to investigate how much it will cost and how long it will take to revive and re-establish the DDA. Staff were asked to bring back information as soon as the commission's next meeting on Sept. 9.

Commissioner Dan Vigansky had been pushing to resurrect the DDA for the last several months. He noted Monday that he doesn't think it should take that much money or time to get the ball rolling on actually doing it. He asked that Community Development Director Rich Murphy act as the city point person on the DDA project.

"I think we already have some of the information we need, we just have to tweak it," he said. "There's been estimates that it could cost $20,000 to $30,000 to start from the beginning and we don't have to do that."

The idea of bringing back the DDA

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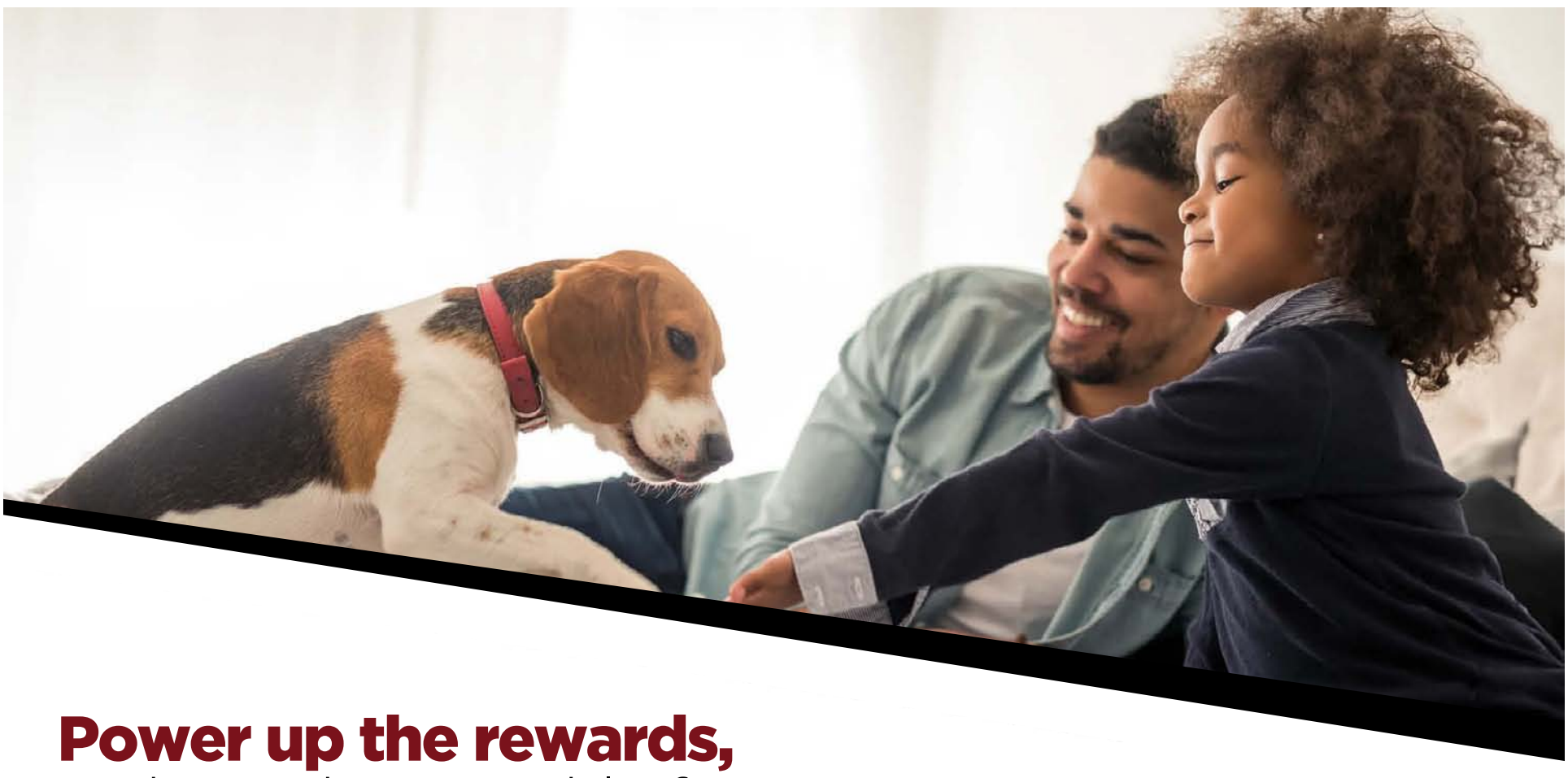
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DEATH NOTICES

Judith Ann Vinnedge, 82, passed away on Thursday, August 22, 2024, in Niles, Michigan. Arrangments have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Kay Ellen Stephens, 81, passed away on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, in Niles, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Charlie Lee Johnson, 88, passed away on Thursday, August 22, 2024, in Stevensville, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Patricia Williams, 74, of Niles, passed away Friday, August 23, 2024. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, of Niles. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com

Jerry Robert Timm, 80, passed away on Sunday, August 25, 2024, in Buchanan, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Jonathan Hamblin, 50, Formerly of Berrien County, died Thursday, August 22, 2024. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allred Funeral Home. Services on September 7 4:00 at Pioneer Memorial Church. www.AllredFuneralHome.com

June C. Doll, 88, of New Carlisle, passed away on Monday, August 26, 2024. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com.

Roger A.C. Smith, 87, of Cassopolis, died Wednesday, August 28, 2024. Arrangements are being made by Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, of Cassopolis.

Thomas Checkley, 66, of Dowagiac, died Tuesday, August 27, 2024. Arrangements are being made by Hoven Funeral Home, of Buchanan. www.hovenfunerals.com

Sherry E. Hilden, 86, of Niles, died Wednesday, August 28, 2024. Arrangements are pending at Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis.

OBITUARIES

Frances "Jean" Reidenbach

April 1, 1934- August 19, 2024

Frances "Jean" Reidenbach, 90, of Niles, died peacefully with her family present, , Monday, August 19, 2024. She was born to John and Berniece Van Tuyl, in Niles on April 1, 1934. She graduated from Niles High School, class of 1952, and lived in Niles all her life.

Jean was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church as a Eucharistic Minister and served on special committees. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi and during high school she was a member of the Jeeps. Jean was previously employed by First Source Bank for five years and Simplicity Pattern Company for twenty-six years. She also worked at Joann Fabrics primarily for the discounts that fed her quilting, sewing, knitting, and crochet hobby. Jean especially loved to spend time with her family whom she loved dearly.

On June 4, 1955, she married William Thomas Reidenbach with whom she celebrated sixty-one years before he passed away in March 2017.

Jean is survived by her four sons, Mark (Gwen) Reidenbach, Matt (MaryKay) Reidenbach, Scott Reidenbach, Neal (Stacey) Reidenbach; eleven grandchildren, Jodi (Kevin) Spiegelberg, Kiel (Samantha) Reidenbach, Brian (Nandrae) Reidenbach, Emily (Tyler) Allard, Nick (Audra) Reidenbach, Dan (Nicole) Reidenbach, Andrea Reidenbach, Mollie Reidenbach, Hannah (Dan) Dalton, Kristen (Jake) Kierzek, Kate (Mitchell) Roberts; and thirteen great grandchildren.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband William Thomas Reidenbach; parents John and Bernice Van Tuyl; brother, Richard Van Tuyl; sister Barbara Hesser; and her daughter-in-law, Valerie.

Family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 27, 2024, with a Rosary at 7:30 p.m., in Halbritter Wickens Funeral Services, 615 East Main Street, Niles. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 28, 2024, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, 219 South State Street, Niles, with burial to immediately follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Halbritter Wickens Funeral Services, Niles. Please share a memory or a message online: halbritterwickens.com

Betty Lou Anderson

September 11, 1944 - August 23, 2024

Betty Lou Anderson, 79, of Cassopolis died peacefully Friday, August 23, 2024 in the comfort of her family's presence.

Her life began September 11, 1944 in South Bend, Indiana the second of six children born to Ted and Mary Banicki. She married Roger L. Anderson June 26, 1965 in Niles, Michigan.

Betty's love and passion was church and family, as they were her focus. She had the gift of service and she was happiest doing for others. She was an amazing homemaker. Her forte was baking. She enjoyed baking sweets mostly and her cookies will be missed. She was an avid reader and talented seamstress. Betty and Roger enjoyed wintering in Florida and camping in the UP during the summer.

Betty will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by her husband of fifty-nine years, Roger Anderson of Cassopolis; two daughters, Melinda (Jeff) Steinke of Niles, Jennifer (Adam) Bauer of Cassopolis; six grandchildren, Sarah (Nick) May of Indianapolis, Indiana, Catherine Steinke of Baroda, Emily Mee of South Bend, Indiana, Riley Bauer of Niles, James Steinke of Bridgman, Zoe Bauer of Niles; one great grandson, Anderson; three sisters, Carol Morrow of Niles, Nancy (Greg) Park of Niles, Ruthie (Dave) Frank of South Bend, Indiana; two brothers, Russell Banicki of Niles, Ernie (Kathie) Banicki of Niles; and a host of nieces and nephews.

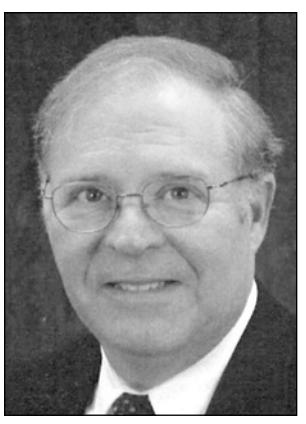
She was preceded in death by her parents.

Family and friends will gather Tuesday, September 3, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 6:00 p.m. in Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, 202 North Broadway Street, Cassopolis.

Betty will be laid to rest in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens in a private service.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Betty be made to Dailey Church, 27046 Dunning Street, Cassopolis, Michigan 49031.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.



John Mark Kelley, Sr.

November 20, 1956 - August 22, 2024

John Mark Kelley, Sr., 67, of Cassopolis, died peacefully Thursday, August 22, 2024 in the comfort of his family's presence.

His life began November 20, 1956 in Smithville, Missouri, the youngest of three sons born to Benjamin and Mary Kelley, Sr. He married Mary Gretchen Connelly Stratman January 6, 1996 in Jacksonville, Arkansas.

John loved his family and he loved helping others, including doing taxes through the Cass County Council on Aging. He served as treasurer of Cassopolis United Methodist Church. John loved meeting new people. He enjoyed classic rock and being introduced to new music. John loved to grill and his family said he was "getting better."

John will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife of twenty-eight years, Mary Gretchen Kelley of Cassopolis; one daughter, Renee (Chris) Archer of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas; two sons, James (Robbie) Stratman, Jr. of Bella Vista, Arkansas, John Mark Kelley, Jr. of Pleasant Plains; ten grandchildren; one brand new great grandson; two brothers, Ben F. Kelley, Jr. of Montgomery, Alabama, Bruce (Peggy) Kelley of Batesville, Arkansas; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Benjamin Franklin Kelley, Sr.

Family and friends will gather Monday, August 26, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, 202 North Broadway Street, Cassopolis, concluding with a Masonic Service under the auspices of Peninsular Lodge Number 10 F. & A.M. The funeral service will be Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home with additional calling beginning at 1:00 p.m.

John will be laid to rest in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Cassopolis.

The family prefers contributions in memory of John be made to either Cassopolis United Methodist Church, Post Office Box 175, 209 South Rowland Street, Cassopolis, Michigan 49031, or Sam Adams Elementary School Backpack Program, in care of Michigan Gateway Foundation, 111 Days Avenue, Buchanan, Michigan 49107, Attention: Backpack Program.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Hilda Jane Afman

April 17, 1938 - August 23, 2024

Hilda Jane Afman, 86, of Three Rivers, passed away Friday, August 23, 2024 at Birch Meadows Senior Care surrounded by her loving family.

She was born April 17, 1938 in Plainwell, the daughter of William and Iola (Brown) Giesbrecht, and graduated from Plainwell High School prior to attending Bob Jones University.

Hilda married her high school sweetheart, Robert "Bob" Afman, on August 3, 1957. The two shared 64 years of marriage and enjoyed traveling together, especially to Florida.

She worked as a secretary for Cassopolis Public Schools in the transportation, administration, and middle school offices.

Hilda loved to read and to swing on her glider rocker. She shared her beautiful voice as a singer and choir leader at Volinia Baptist Church in Volinia, Mi. She was quietly mischievous and extremely competitive - a loving woman liked by many.

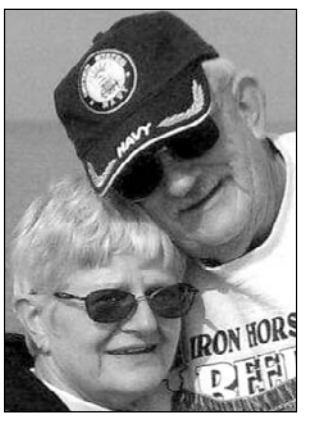
Remaining to cherish her memory are her son, Mark (Rebecca) Afman; daughters, Jane Harrison and Faith (Michael) Rowe; grandchildren, TSgt. (Ret.) Steve (Laura) Harrison, Daniel Harrison, MSG Adam (Diana) Harrison, Jacob (Ashley) Rowe, and Lindsey Johnson; great-grandchildren: MaKynna, Madisyn, Zackery, Lucy, Sam, Seth, Scott, and Hendrix Harrison, Ashleigh, Faith, Ethan, Rachel, and Samantha Johnson, and Ace Rowe; and brother, David Giesbrecht.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Joy Marie Afman; sisters, Lorraine and Maxine; and sister-in-law, Shirley Giesbrecht.

Her family will receive friends on Thursday, August 29, 2024 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Newberg, 13021 Born St., Jones. A funeral service will follow at noon at the church with Pastor Mike Owen officiating. She will be laid to rest in Poe's Cemetery.

Donations in Hilda's memory may be directed to Birch Meadows Senior Care or to the First Baptist Church of Newberg. Envelopes will be available at the church or at Hohner Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be shared at www.hohnerfh.com.



Peggy Anne Kirtley

October 22, 1946 - August 23, 2024

Peggy Anne Kirtley, 77, of Cassopolis, died peacefully Friday, August 23, 2024.

Her life began October 22, 1946 in Wolf Lake, Indiana, the youngest of three children born to James "Bud" and Dorothy Hess. She married William Philip "Bill" Kirtley September 14, 1968 in Coesse, Indiana. He preceded her in death just nine days shy of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Peggy was quiet but mighty. She was a grandma to all of her granddaughters' friends and opened her home to any one in need and taught by example. Peggy loved going for walks with the pup, Annie, and loved spending time outdoors, gardening and planting flowers. She was happy at home working on projects to surprise others with, whether it be a homemade quilt or an afghan. She looked forward to her weekly card games with the best friends, Sue Szymonski, Kelly Tony, Kath Morse, and Pam Casey.

Peggy will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Mike Bergen of Vandalia; her son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Jennifer Kirtley of Cassopolis; one granddaughter, Avery Helen Bergen of Vandalia,; one brother, Richard (Nancy) Hess of Columbia City, Indiana; one sister-in-law, Janet McAllister of Lebanon, Missouri; a chosen son, John (Laurie) Wells of Tennessee; a chosen granddaughter Sarah Bussey of Missoula, Montana and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Kenneth Hess.

Family and friends will gather Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. for a graveside service in Young's Prairie Cemetery, 19990 Quaker Street, Cassopolis, followed by a time of sharing memories and telling stories at the Old Vandalia School, 17397 Black Street in Vandalia.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Peggy be made to Rose Arbor Place of Centrica Care Navigators, 7100 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009-9423.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis.

Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Cindy Lou Ann (Goodger) Roland

November 12, 1960 - August 14, 2024

Cindy Lou Ann (Goodger) Roland, aged 63 of Cassopolis, Michigan passed on August 14, 2024, at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan after her battle with cancer.

Cindy was born on November 12,1960 in Kalamazoo, Michigan to parents Joseph Leo Goodger and Katherine Geneva (Matlock) Goodger.

Cindy was an avid dancer and loved her music. She was an excellent seamstress and artist, and as she grew older, she discovered her love for PC games in her free time.

Cindy was blessed with three beautiful daughters, Virginia (Tim) Maschman of Daykin, Nebraska, Katherine Searing of Hebron, Nebraska, and Lacey Schoenbeck of Western, Nebraska.

Cindy is also mourned by her grandchildren, Jerry Duke III of Fairbury, Nebraska, Jake Weldy of Elkhart, Indiana, Lillian Searing of Fairbury, Nebraska, Miles Maschman of Daykin, Nebraska, Cora Maschman of Daykin, Nebraska, and Charley Schoenbeck of Western, Nebraska.

Cindy will be severely missed by her longtime partner, Jeff Hensley, along with friends and family.

She is survived by her mother K. Geneva Goodger of Cassopolis, Michigan, four brothers, Ron (Debbie) Goodger of Cassopolis, Michigan, Jesse Goodger of Cassopolis, Michigan, Terry (Evelyn) Goodger of Cassopolis, Michigan, Jerry Goodger of Vandalia, Michigan, two sisters, Peggy Payne (Richard Mills) of Elkhart, Indiana, and Molly (Joe) Crowell of

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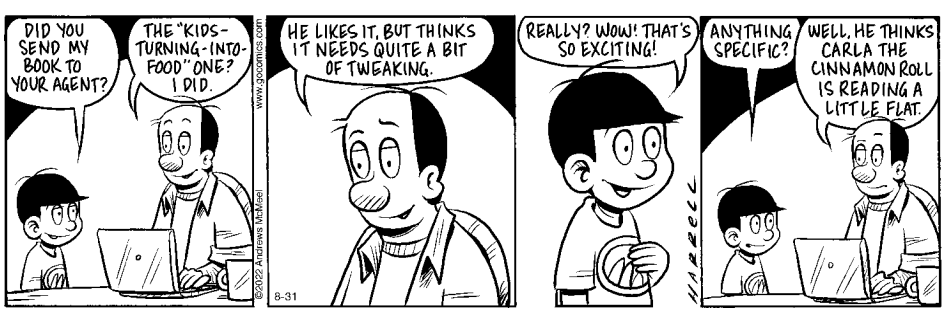
DID YOU SEND MY BOOK TO YOUR AGENT?
THE "KIDS-TURNING-INTO-FOOD" ONE?
I DID.
HE LIKES IT, BUT THINKS IT NEEDS QUITE A BIT OF TWEAKING.
REALLY? WOW! THAT'S SO EXCITING!
ANYTHING SPECIFIC?
WELL, HE THINKS CARLA THE CINNAMON ROLL IS READING A LITTLE FLAT.
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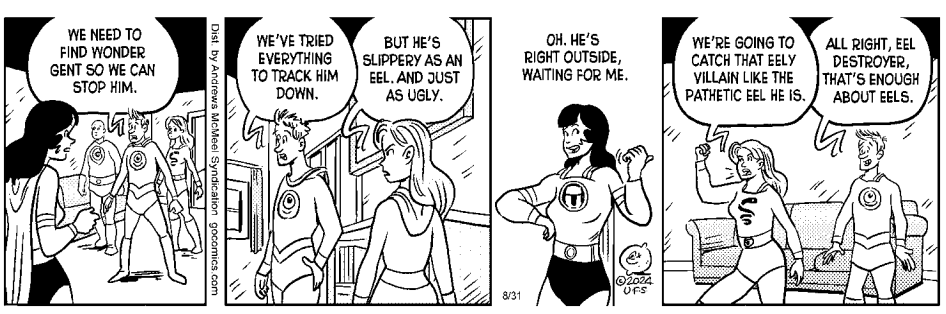
WE NEED TO FIND WONDER GENT SO WE CAN STOP HIM.
WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING TO TRACK HIM DOWN.
BUT HE'S SLIPPERY AS AN EEL. AND JUST AS UGLY.
OH. HE'S RIGHT OUTSIDE, WAITING FOR ME.
WE'RE GOING TO CATCH THAT EELY VILLAIN LIKE THE PATHETIC EEL HE IS.
ALL RIGHT, EEL DESTROYER, THAT'S ENOUGH ABOUT EELS.
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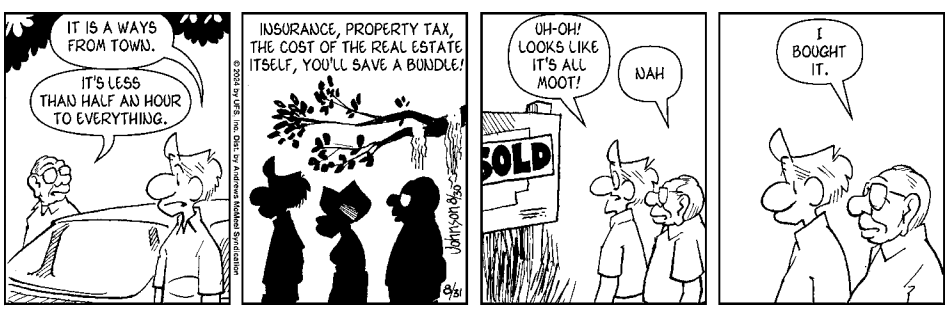
IT IS A WAYS FROM TOWN.
IT'S LESS THAN HALF AN HOUR TO EVERYTHING.
INSURANCE, PROPERTY TAX, THE COST OF THE REAL ESTATE ITSELF, YOU'LL SAVE A BUNDLE!
UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE IT'S ALL MOOT!
NAH
SOLD
I BOUGHT IT.
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BIG NATE

HERE'S MY UNIFORM, COACH!
...AND THIS IS FOR YOU! FOR COACHING US!
THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU, NATE! THANK YOU FOR THE CARD...
...AND THE MOSTLY-EATEN PACKAGE OF STARBURSTS.
I DON'T LIKE THE ORANGE ONES.
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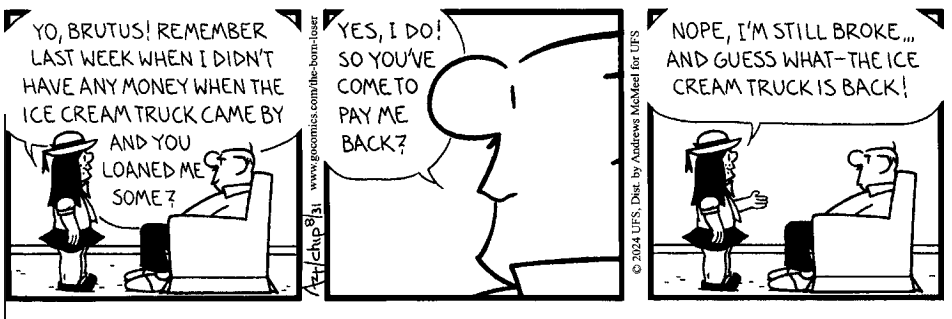
YO, BRUTUS! REMEMBER LAST WEEK WHEN I DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY WHEN THE ICE CREAM TRUCK CAME BY AND YOU LOANED ME SOME?
YES, I DO! SO YOU'VE COME TO PAY ME BACK?
NOPE, I'M STILL BROKE... AND GUESS WHAT-THE ICE CREAM TRUCK IS BACK!
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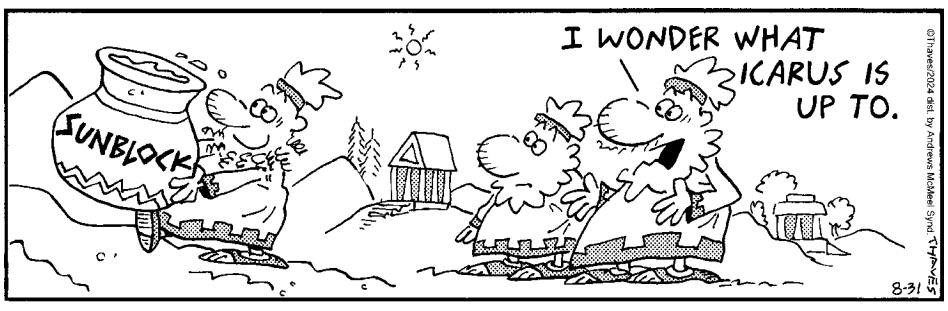

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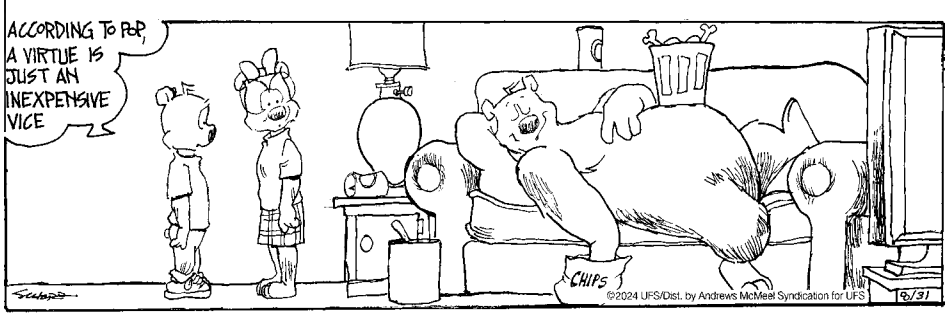

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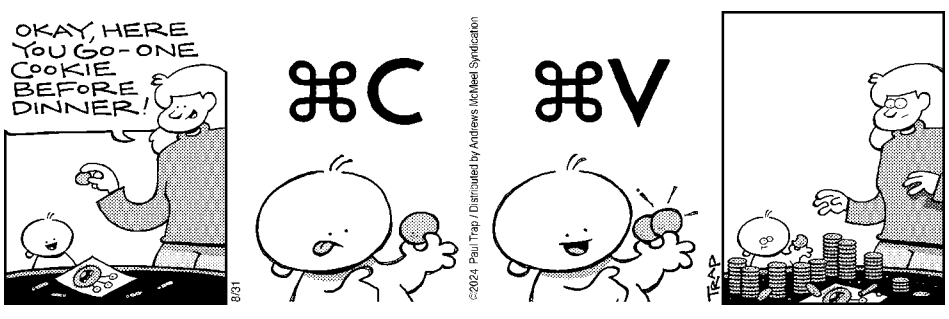

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REALITY CHECK

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ANSWER ON PAGE 6

ACROSS

1 "— Indigo"
5 To boot
9 Genus of macaws
12 Stew pot
13 Wall Street animal
14 Seize
15 Spotted
16 Investment choice
17 Zoo denizen
18 Kind of switch
20 Miss Piggy's love
22 Put down
23 Woodwind need
24 Ancient Mexican
27 Luge
29 Ovine cry
30 Followed in secret
34 Ran
37 From — — Z
38 Interpret
39 "Call Me —"
41 Eager
43 — Antonio
44 Of the backbone
46 Mixed up
50 Melody
51 Place of eternal rest
53 Sitarist — Shankar
54 Actor — Kilmer
55 Bad
56 Regular
57 Print measures
58 Remove
59 Toad feature

DOWN

1 "The — Dangerous Game"
2 Margarine
3 Designer — Cassini
4 Hang loosely
5 Westminster —
6 MGM's lion
7 Went down
8 Commanded
9 "What's in — —?"
10 Fast
11 Help in a crime
19 Insect secretion
21 Change the decor
24 Tummy muscles
25 Microwave
26 Seaman
27 Storage building
28 Youngster
30 Depot (abbr.)
31 Soft mass
32 Letter after zeta
33 Actor — DeLuise
35 Golf club
36 Nullified
39 Angry
40 Actor — Garfield
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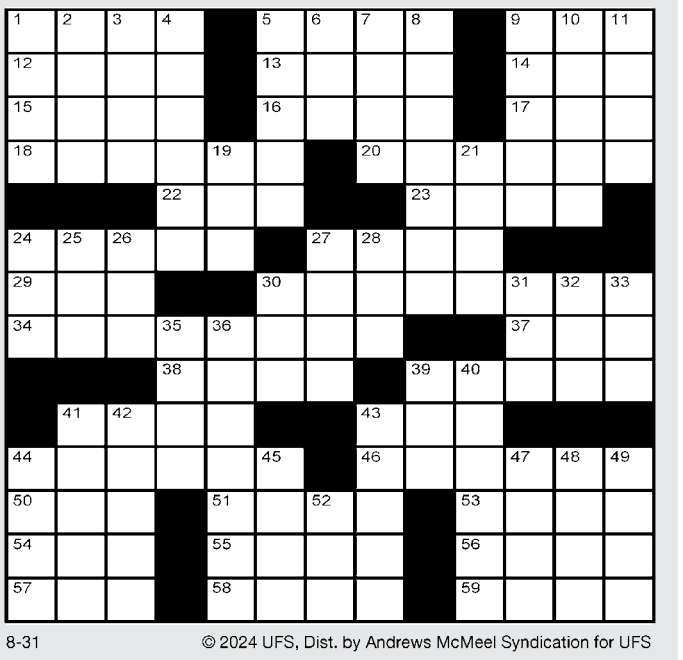

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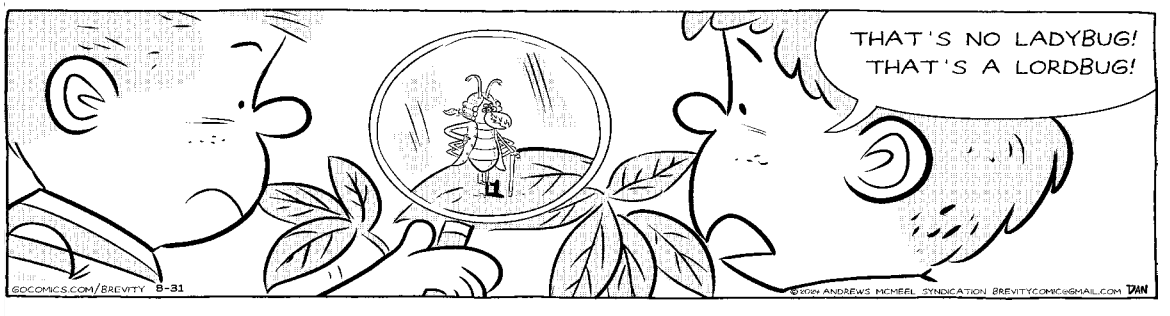

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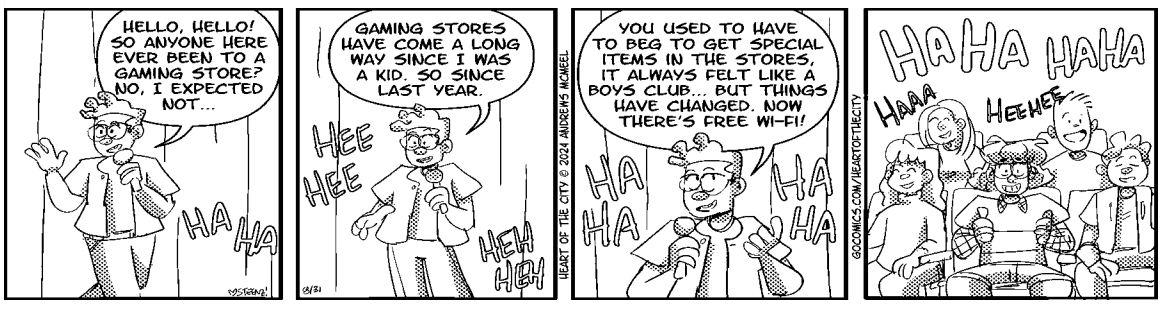
HELLO, HELLO! SO ANYONE HERE EVER BEEN TO A GAMING STORE? NO, I EXPECTED NOT...
HA HA
GAMING STORES HAVE COME A LONG WAY SINCE I WAS A KID. SO SINCE LAST YEAR.
HEE HEE
HEH HEH
YOU USED TO HAVE TO BEG TO GET SPECIAL ITEMS IN THE STORES, IT ALWAYS FELT LIKE A BOYS CLUB... BUT THINGS HAVE CHANGED. NOW THERE'S FREE WI-FI!
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Cindy is preceded in death by her three husbands, Thomas Searing, Harold Carter, and James "Rick" Roland. As well as her father Joseph Leo Goodger, sister Rose (Goodger) Will, and brother Larry Goodger, and son-in-law, Adam Schoenbeck of Western, Nebraska.

There will be a graveside service at Birch Lake Cemetery 62307-62309 James Road, Vandalia, Michigan 49095 on Saturday August 31st, 2024, at 10:00 am with a family reunion - memorial dinner at Calvin Township Hall 18693 Mt. Zion Street Cassopolis, Michigan 49031 at 2:00 pm.

Memorials will be directed by family's choice.

Sharon Marie DeMarco (Roberts)

February 9, 1957 - August 25, 2024

Sharon Marie DeMarco (Roberts), 67, of Valparaiso, IN, passed away August 25, 2024. Born on February 9, 1957, in Lawton, OK, Sharon was the beloved daughter of the late Jan Bakeman and granddaughter of Ellie Livingston.

Sharon graduated from Dowagiac Union High School in 1975 and went on to have a fulfilling career at the US Postal Service where she dedicated 37 years of service, with the last 28 years proudly serving as Postmaster in the Village of Eau Claire, MI.

Sharon was a huge fan of "I Love Lucy", playing the piano, and listening to heavy metal. She shared her passions with her family and always touted herself as the cool grandma.

Sharon was a strong, hardworking woman who, despite facing many hardships in her life, always put her loved ones needs above her own and ensured they were taken care of. She was always there to offer a cup of coffee or a swift kick in the butt to whoever needed. She will be remembered for her witty humor, her caring nature and her contagious laugh. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Sharon is survived by her loving sons, Robert Sovine (Kim Hagemann) of Decatur, MI, and Scott (Erin) Congdon Jr. of Eagle River, AK, and special daughter Leah Sovine of Dowagiac, MI. She will be dearly missed by her grandchildren Leana Allen (Derrick Caldwell) of Chicago, IL, Emma Sovine and Madelynn Sovine of Dowagiac, MI, Ethan Sovine of Cassopolis, MI, and great-grandchild Sol Caldwell of Chicago.

Friends may visit with Sharon's family from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Friday, August 30, 2024, at Clark Chapel - Starks Family Funeral Homes, 405 Center St, Dowagiac. Private inurnment will be in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens. Please visit Sharon's personalized webpage to share a memory or leave a condolence to her family at www.clarkch.com.

May she rest in peace.

Ralph Vander Werf

May 4, 1937 - August 24, 2024

Ralph Vander Werf, 87, of Cassopolis, passed from this life to spend eternity with Jesus Saturday, August 24, 2024.

Ralph will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Mary Jane (Crowell) Vander Werf; their five children and spouses; thirty-six grandchildren; and seventy-four great grandchildren.

Ralph desires you to know that he now resides where he has longed to go. He is in Heaven at the feet of Jesus Christ. He accepted Jesus' gift of salvation at the age of 10 when he came to understand the following message found in the book of Romans in the Bible:

We are all sinners by nature and by choice.

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

We deserve death but can receive eternal life as a free gift.

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

God demonstrated His love for us, His enemies.

Romans 5:8 "But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

We must trust and surrender to Jesus as Lord.

Romans 10:9-10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

If you acknowledge your need and would like to accept this gift, you can from your heart pray this prayer:

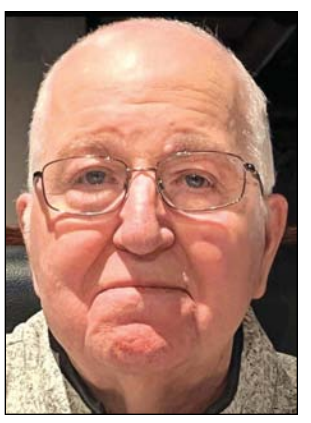
"Dear Jesus,

I know I am a sinner. I know my sin deserves to be punished. I believe Christ is the Son of God, who died for me and rose from the grave. I want to turn from my sin and trust Jesus Christ alone as my Savior. Thank you for the forgiveness and everlasting life I can now have through faith in Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Family and friends will gather from 10:00 a.m. until time of memorial service at 12:00 noon, Friday, August 30, 2024, in Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, 202 North Broadway Street, Cassopolis.

Mr. Vander Werf has been laid to rest in a private service in Reames and Norton Cemetery, Cassopolis.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.



Joseph Francis Robinson

February 24, 1947 - August 24, 2024

Joseph Francis Robinson, 77, passed away Saturday August 24th at University of Michigan Hospital with the love of his life by his side. He was a longtime resident of Lawton, Michigan having served as their Chief of Police.

Joe was born February 24th, 1947, and raised in Dowagiac, Michigan where he worked on his aunt's dairy farm and graduated from Union High School in 1965.

Shortly after high school, Joe started working at Kawneer Corporation as a project manager for commercial construction. In 1974, Joe graduated from Southwestern Michigan College with a degree in Nursing and spent many years working in the emergency departments of local hospitals eventually becoming house supervisor at Watervliet Community Hospital and as the Director of Nursing at Lakeview Hospital in Paw Paw. Joe maintained an active RN license, working part-time, through 1990.

In the late 1970's, Joe became a police officer in Van Buren County working alongside his brother Dan for 2 years. In 1980, Joe joined the Lawton Police Department and became the Chief of Police in 1984, serving in that role until his retirement in 2002.

Upon retirement, Joe and Deb moved to Jacksonville, Florida where they made many trips to Key West, St. Augustine, and Joe's favorite little wildlife park, Homosassa Springs. Joe and Deb returned to Michigan in 2012, settling just outside of Ann Arbor.

Joe had a love for sports cars, dogs, fishing, photography, the Florida Keys, and Michigan Wolverines football. Joe was very much known by his family for his ability to cook tasty and hearty meals and baked goods.

Joe is survived by his wife Deborah of Ann Arbor, MI, brother Daniel (Samantha) of Jacksonville, FL, daughter Jamie (Jason) Spenner of Berrien Springs, MI, sons Tyler of Paw Paw, MI and Chris (Lauren) of Wilmington, NC, and grandchildren Madison, Olivia, Eli, Ian, Elena and Matthew.

His son Joseph, mother Mary and father Francis preceded him in death.

At Joe's request, cremation has taken place and no services are being planned. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements by Farley Estes Dowdle Funeral Cremation Preneed Care. Personal messages for the family may be placed at www.farleyestesdowdle.com.

Gary Lynn Maxam

June 25, 1957 - August 24, 2024

Gary Lynn Maxam, went to be with the Lord on August 24, 2024.

Gary Lynn Maxam was born into the Harlen and Ruth Maxam family on June 25, 1957, where he lived his entire life. Graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University, Gary worked in an engineering capacity at several businesses including Bendix in South Bend, Armstrong in Three Rivers, and PRO-Tech Respirators in Buchanan. Gary eventually owned and ran the popular Stop-In Restaurant on Barron Lake in Niles, and later he worked for years at Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, MI.

Gary lived a gentle and fulfilling life while continually farming and helping to raise two sons of his devoted friend and housemate Stacy Kempton. He became a steadfast father to the beloved Cooper and Casey (currently serving in the US Navy). Surviving family includes brothers and sisters Garth (Barb), Sue, Gwen, Keith (Linda), Dwayne (Molly), a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends, especially Tom Rosselit and Char Grodi Molnar.

With a pleasantly adventurous spirit, Gary traveled with siblings/friend on outings, including snow skiing out west, sailing in the Caribbean and Lake Michigan, and water skiing at the Maxam family cottage on Long Lake near Three Rivers. In later years, Gary befriended a great number of the farm's resident cats, being literally blanketed with cats during his Hospice time at the Maxam farm, his favorite place of all.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are welcome by The Paws Cause Rescue (a cat rescue operated by family siblings) at 230 Johnsville Brookville Rd, Brookfield, Ohio 45309 or the Goshen Center for Cancer Care at 200 High Park Ave, Goshen, IN 46526 or Hospice of West Michigan in Gary's name.

A memorial Service will be held on October 3, 2024, at 2 p.m., at Smith's Chapel, 29858 Redfield St, Niles, MI, where Gary and the Maxam children went to Sunday School and vacation Bible School as children.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Meet **Atlas**, a three-year-old German Shepherd mix with the Berrien County Animal Shelter. Volunteers said that Atlas gets along with everyone, except maybe cats. He plays well with dogs and people, but is also happy to sit alone with a toy. He loves water so would be a great buddy to take to the lake. Has done well with kids at adoption events. Volunteers couldn't think of a negative thing to say about Atlas, except he may like cats too much. He is neutered, chipped, and current on shots. Contact Berrien County Animal Shelter at (269) 927-5648.

REVIVE

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started to gain steam last month and earlier this month even as commissioners talked about providing funding to the LiveBuchanan non-profit organization so that it would qualify to go to the next level of the Michigan Main Street program.

Commissioners had initially planned to vote on funding LiveBuchanan and supporting its participation in Michigan Main Street at Monday's meeting but that vote was put on hold after Assistant Community Development Director Ashley Regal unexpectedly resigned earlier this month.

Monday, Weedon acknowledged he had been "misled" four years ago when he voted to disband the DDA and now wants to bring it back. The DDA was the subject of controversy in the months before it was disbanded in the summer of 2020, with questions about its value to the city and disputes between city officials and DDA members.

Weedon and City Commissioner Patrick Swem said Monday that it isn't an "either/or" situation as they think the DDA and LiveBuchanan can both exist and be beneficial to promoting economic development in the city.

"LiveBuchanan has established its credibility and ability to work together," Weedon said. "Bringing back the DDA gives them a structure to do their work."

"It's not a diversion away from LiveBuchanan but a longer term solution," Swem agreed. "The DDA will provide the mechanism to fund what LiveBuchanan wants to do."

"The money (from the former DDA) is still in our coffers and will be given back to the DDA once it is recreated," Weedon added. He and other commissioners noted that it will take time for the DDA to build up new funding as a new baseline has to be established to start capturing tax increment financing from property value increases in the downtown area.

He said after the meeting that the goal is to have LiveBuchanan as an official city board under the DDA umbrella. He noted that the consensus from city commissioners is to use the DDA format to provide funding for LiveBuchanan to pursue the Michigan Main Street program.

Weedon is acting as mayor after the resignation of Sean Denison two weeks ago and will serve in that capacity until after the November election when commissioners will vote to appoint a new mayor to serve for the next two years.

Monday, commissioners officially accepted Denison's resignation which was effective Aug. 12. Denison had served on the city commission since 2018 and had been mayor since late 2020. He said he was choosing to resign to focus on his health and his family and to enjoy life.

He had been the subject of a recall election over his suspension of then City Manager Ben Eldridge last fall. His resignation ended the recall election in which he would have faced former City Commissioner Scott King in November.

Swem and Weedon said Monday that Denison's decision to resign had come as a surprise to them. They both thanked Denison for his efforts and the time he put in to serve the community.

"I've been on the commission for six years with Sean, we've been through good and bad times and had disagreements," Weedon said.

He signaled that he hoped to take a little different approach to city commission meetings. "I believe we can have discourse and still be respectful," he said. "I lead from a different position. I will not get heated and I will not raise my voice."

City Clerk Kalla Langston reminded people that the deadline to apply for the vacancy left by Denison's resignation is Friday, Aug. 30 at 4 p.m. She said one person has applied so far. Applicants must city residents, registered voters and over the age of 18. The application form is available at city hall or on the city website.

Langston said a special city commission meeting will be held Friday, Sept. 6 at 5 p.m. to interview candidates for the position. Whoever is appointed will serve the remaining two years of Denison's unexpired term.

In other news, Buchanan Tree Friends member Richard Martin said there will be a tree planting event in the city on Oct. 19 after the group received a grant. He said 25 trees will be planted in the 100 to 800 blocks of West Front and the 100 block of Dewey Street.

UTILITY

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Division Financial Statement projection indicated significant declines in operating income and minimum cash and the Wastewater Division Financial Statement projection indicated declining operating income and minimum cash balances.

To increase revenues and stabilize finances, the city moved to implement three-year rate adjustments for its utility customers:

Electric – 2 percent increases in fiscal years 2025, 2026 and 2027 with no planned increases to the monthly customer charge. All the adjustment amounts were added to energy (and capacity) usage.

Water – 3.9 percent increases in fiscal years 2025, 2026 and 2027 with no planned increases to the monthly customer charge until 2027 as most of the adjustment amounts were added to the commodity charge.

Sewer – 2.5 percent increases in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 with no planned increases to the monthly customer charge through 2027.

"I know it's sometimes difficult for people to swallow the rate increases," said Fourth Ward Councilmember John DiCostanzo. "We want to continue to maintain the system and have it as dependable as it has been, even if It means we need to charge appropriate rates."

Fourth Ward Councilmember Michael Thompson cast the lone dissenting vote. While he partially agreed with DiCostanzo's statement, he said he believes the city is not going far enough, and recommended that the city sell off some of its "overabundant" parks to offset costs for customers.

"I can't support this item because the figures are – I hate to say it – too low," he said. "Inflation costs literally reflect the rate at which things are increasing. Even pretending that the 'Byzantine' inflation rates given by the federal government is true and not underreported as in fact, they are, we would have to at the very least increase the fees proportionate to that inflation. If we simply want to maintain, anything less will be degrading, anything more would be improving, presuming the funds were being spent wisely.

"A better solution would be to have these proportioned figures increased to reflect actual inflation," Thompson continued. "We could help reduce the burnautical citizens by reducing or eliminating non-essential city activities. Selling off many of the overabundant city parks comes to mind and lowering taxes accordingly."

Thompson added that he believes the city's utilities department should be "spun off" into its own entity.

In other business, council approved for the Utilities Department Electric Division to engage Commonwealth Associates, Inc. of Jackson, Michigan for a solar generation system impact study at a cost of $25,000.

In the fall of 2023 Michigan lawmakers enacted the Clean Energy and Jobs Act which mandated a huge leap in the city's renewable energy portfolio. The previous requirement of 15 percent renewable generation, which Niles achieved through the purchase of renewable energy credits, ended in 2021. The new requirements require us to obtain 50 percent generation (in the city portfolio) by 2030, 60 percent by 2035 and 100 percent by 2040. With the help of the Michigan Public Power Agency, staff will be bringing a plan forward on how to achieve these goals, in early 2025.

By constructing renewable projects "behind the meter," the city can accomplish several goals including reducing our transmission costs by "peak shaving". Currently, the city's transmission costs are 35 percent (and rising) of its wholesale purchased power costs. The city's target is to have had 13 to 15 percent of itsgeneration in renewables and it currently has zero.

City staff feels that 10 megawatts of solar in combination with 5 megawatts of battery energy storage systems, all behind the meter, would serve the city best today and into the future. The impact study is needed to determine how the city's electric distribution system could be configured to accept this generation and storage. Commonwealth is the city's electric system engineer of record and has extensively modeled and studied its system.

In further business, council:

• Approved the purchase and service agreement between the City of Niles and Midwest Energy Cooperative. The Agreement calls for MEC to pay the City of Niles $200,000 for its portion of the fiber build. Niles will have access to 4 strands of dedicated fiber between City Hall and the Law Enforcement Complex, MEC will provide 1 Gigabit broadband service to City Hall and the Law Enforcement Complex in exchange for pole attachment rights. 1 Gigabit commercial service at two locations has an annual value of $24,000. Pole attachment rights has an annual value of $1,735.45.

• Approved the CDBG PY2023 2nd Proposed Substantial Amendment to the PY 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan Annual Action Plan. The amendment will allow for additional funds for Code Enforcement to meet the needs of the areas identified by the Public Safety Director and Chief Code Enforcement Official, including demolition; for additional Help for Homes Repair Program funds; as well as the Elimination of CV related activities & rehab of the FSRC neighborhood center.

• Authorized the Utilities Department - Wastewater Division to accept the quote from Superior Equipment, LLC of Elkhart, Indiana in the amount of $9,998 for the purchase of two 20-yard roll-off dumpsters for use at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, charging the expense to Machinery and Equipment.

• Authorized the Utilities Department to accept the quote from Civic Systems, LLC of Madison, Wisconsin for the purchase of miExcel UB software at an initial cost of $4,000, with annual support of $450.

• Authorized a 3-year lease with Matt Warda of Niles, Michigan for preparing ground and farming the city-owned property at 440 Pucker St.

• Authorized the Utilities Department - Wastewater Division to accept the bid from Perceptive Service & Operations, of Plainwell in the amount of $17,250 for wet well cleaning and grit removal at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

• Authorized the Utilities Department Electric Division to purchase a rewound 300 kVA transformer from T&R Electric of Colman, South Dakota in the amount of $20,895, charging the expense to the Capital Plan.

• Awarded a 2024 CDBG Home Repair Program contract to Future Construction, of Watervliet in the amount of $48,375 for the repair of four residential properties, a contract to Airlux, of Niles in the amount of $4,621for the repair of one residential property, with the expenses being paid for with $50,000 in CDBG funds and the balance paid for with donations from are foundations.

• Authorized the Fire Department to purchase turnout gear and boots from Phoenix Safety Outfitters of Springfield, Ohio at a cost of $35,000and utilize a Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity grant to cover the expense.

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The Cass County Treasurer will offer tax-reverted real estate at public auction on September 3rd, 2024.

The auction will be held online at **www.tax-sale.info** from 10:00am to 7:00pm EDT. Bids can also be placed up to 30 days in advance on the website, and assistance is available for those without computer or internet access.

Incomplete or voided sales from the September 3rd auction, if any, will be re-offered online on September 26th, 2024. Please visit **www.tax-sale.info/faq** for additional details.

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Board of Canvassers approve Penn Township Treasurer recount request

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

CASSOPOLIS — The recount of the contest for the Republican nomination for Penn Township Treasurer can move forward after action Wednesday morning by the Cass County Board of Canvassers. In the vote certified by the board Aug. 13, incumbent Paul Rutherford was ahead of challenger Jodi Bucher by one vote.

Rutherford won the Aug. 6 contest with 281 votes to Bucher's 280 votes. The Cass County Board of Canvassers certified the vote on Aug. 13 and Bucher filed her request for a recount on Aug. 15. Bucher claimed that one Penn Township resident was turned away from voting due to a state software error that showed her living in a different township.

Wednesday, the Board of Canvassers heard from special county counsel Eric Doster as well as attorneys for both Rutherford and Bucher before making their decision. Board members voted unanimously to go forward with the recount and reject Rutherford's objections to it.

County Clerk/Register Monica McMichael said that the recount will take place soon and will be open to the public. She said the county has to wait for the deadline to pass for recount requests for state level races before scheduling the recount. The state certified state level races on Monday, Aug. 26.

Doster started off Wednesday's hearing with a review of the specifics of the case as well as relevant state law and court cases. His practice is based in Okemos near Lansing and his specialty is election law. He was the lead attorney for Donald Trump during the 2016 Michigan recount brought by candidate Jill Stein.

Doster went through the objections to the recount raised by Rutherford's attorneys and presented his conclusions on each one. Rutherford's attorneys claimed Bucher's recount petition wasn't filed timely and did not provide legitimate and specific reasons for why the recount should be done.

Doster said Bucher's petition was submitted timely, noting that election law states that a recount petition must be filed within six days of the canvass of the vote being completed. He disagreed with Rutherford attorney James Fleming who said the petition had to be submitted within six days of the start of the vote canvass on Aug. 8.

McMichael explained the changes brought about by the passage of statewide election changes in 2022 which required the Board of Canvassers to delay certification until Aug. 13. The changes allow absentee voters to "cure" ballot mistakes and also allows time for overseas and military ballots to be received.

On the question of if Bucher had to provide factual information about fraud or mistakes, Doster said Rutherford's attorneys cited the Michigan Supreme Court ruling in the Trump-Stein recount case but didn't provide the full quote. He said "bare allegations" were deemed sufficient in the ruling and added that different rules apply to local versus state recounts.

Fleming had a different take on the recount request. "Holding public office is a sacred trust and unless laws are followed to a 'T', that trust crumbles," he said. "You have to follow the law."

He continued to maintain that Bucher's recount request was not submitted in a timely manner and questioned the Board of Canvassers decision to not certify the results on Aug. 8 but wait to Aug. 13. He added that Rutherford had not been informed of the reasons for the delay in vote certification that McMichael outlined Wednesday.

He also said Bucher didn't supply facts to go along with her claims of fraud or mistakes. "Her petition was void of substantive allegations and doesn't warrant conducting a recount," he said.

Bucher attorney Jeffrey Wiggins agreed with Fleming's statement about the importance of public trust in elections but added that part of preserving public trust in elections involves preserving people's right to vote and have their vote counted.

He said the only requirements to have a recount is to file a petition timely, state what office results should be recounted and swearing under oath that the petitioner believes that fraud or mistakes have taken place.

"One vote is as close as you can get without tying," Wiggins said. "You only have to say that you believe that a mistake or fraud has taken place and you've been aggrieved by it … A person has a legal right to a recount."

Notice of Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

The Board of Trustees of the Township of Ontwa will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of 0.4027 mills in the operating tax millage to be levied on property in 2024

The hearing will be held on September 9, 2024, at 6:45 PM at the Ontwa Township Hall located at 26225 US 12, Edwardsburg, MI 49112

Action on the proposed additional millage will be taken at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 7.96% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing.

If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating revenue will increase by 1.46% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

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SUSPENDS

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The suspension and notice of intent to revoke, which went into effect at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, prohibits Tiny Tators Childcare LLC from operating a child care center at 1036 Bell Rd, in Niles, or at any other address or location. Accordingly, Tiny Tators Childcare LLC may not accept children for care after that date and time. The order also requires the licensee to inform all parents of children in its care that the license has been suspended and that it can no longer provide child care.

"It was critical to take emergency action to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the children at this child care center," MiLEAP wrote in a statement.

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FOOTBALL

Buchanan football team aims for postseason success

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BUCHANAN — After an offseason of preparation and anticipation, the Buchanan football team is ready to kick off the 2024 season.

"We're really excited," said Buchanan coach Mark Frey. "We got a lot of talent back and our guys have been working really hard this offseason. I think they've been itching for this game and fixing to get back hitting people, so we should hope for a good night."

"It feels great," added quarterback Jake Franklin. "Watching the other Indiana teams play last week just builds up so much energy and excitement coming into this week."

The Bucks finished the 2023 season with a 7-4 record and a loss to Constantine in the Division 6 District Championship game. Frey returns eight players on each side of the ball that either started or rotated last year.

"We're really excited about what that looks like," he said. "Our o-line is going to have some younger guys on it but they're not new to the game so they should be okay."

Franklin, an All-Region performer last season, returns aiming to take his game to the next level.

"I've been working on improving reading coverages quicker and making decisions quicker," he said. "Last year I feel like I made the little mistakes and fixing those little mistakes in the offseason really improved my game and it's going to make us as a team better."

"I think that's great when you have a returning quarterback, just because it's like having a coach out on the field when they do everything, they know the offense like the back of their hand," Frey said. "I think he's ready for this. He's been hungry, I think he was close to being all-state last year and so he wants to get that. He's been really driven."

Franklin will be handing the ball off to Gabe Tompkins and Leland Payne in the backfield. Tyler Baker returns as one of the area's top wide receivers.

"They're going to be the workhorses," Frey said said. "The nice thing is they can even flex out and catch the ball so we'll be utilizing them quite a bit and then we have pretty good experience at wide receiver in Tyler Baker."

On defense Frey will be relying on his back seven to step up while the young but promising defensive line develops.

"I like our back seven, they're all well-trained and back from last year," he said. "We've got some younger d-linemen but we're going to be able to make up for that with our speed in the back."

For Franklin and his team, hoisting a district championship trophy this season is the goal and Saugatuck is the first test.

"I want one of those," Franklin said. "Losing last year didn't feel great at all. For myself, I want to keep improving but the main goal I'm focused on is with my team winning a district championship. There's nothing better than winning with your team… I feel like if we just do our jobs and not try to do our own thing, stay composed and really just focus on our job and go play-by-play and not focus on the next quarter, I think we'll do fine."

The Bucks hosted Saugatuck Thursday night in the season opener. The recap of that game can be found online at leaderpub.com and will be in the Sept. 7 print edition of the newspaper.

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The Buchanan football team huddles together during a recent practice.

Murphy makes Tennessee 53-man roster

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Murphy

NASHVILLE — Former Dowagiac and Ferris State University standout Caleb Murphy has once again made the 53-man roster for the Tennessee Titans.

Signing with Tennessee as an undrafted free agent, Murphy appeared in three regular season games last year and tallied two tackles. This preseason, Murphy has tallied five tackles including a three-tackle performance Sunday at New Orleans.

Murphy will be suiting up for his second coaching staff in as many seasons as first-time head coach Brian Callahan was hired to replace Mike Vrabel, who was fired following an 11-6 season.

Tennessee will open the 2024 season on the road in Chicago against the Bears on Sept. 8. The Titans will play at Detroit Oct. 27.

VOLLEYBALL

CASSOPOLIS
VOLLEYBALL BESTS BRANDYWINE 3-1

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NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP — The Cassopolis volleyball team earned a road win against Brandywine Monday.

The Rangers defeated the Bobcats 25-18, 19-25, 25-23, 25-21 to pick up their first win of the season.

"I thought they played really hard," said Cassopolis Assistant Athletic Director Heidi Hawryskow, who filled in for head coach Kaisha Martin. "They didn't give up even though sometimes it seemed like they wanted to. I think it's a great start to the season."

Jordan Heiman led the Rangers with 10 kills and team captain Mackenzie Boyer added five. Janayla Franklin had four aces and five kills.

"I think that Boyer does a really good job of building the team together," Hawryskow said. "Hyman is just a beast at hitting. Our setter Tori Burks just plays the ball really well, and gets it to her hitters."

Brandywine head coach James Ragosta was impressed with the way his young team battled.

"Cass does a really good job. They've got some good hitters," he said. "They're just a really good team this year, hats off to them. We had a lot of pluses – I thought we played the net really good defensively, which has been one of our stronger points."

Adellyn Drotoz had seven kills and 22 digs and Layla Covington finished with seven kills and 14 digs while Kaegan VanSandt added two kills and 23 digs and Macy Pellow four kills and 15 digs.

Ragosta has been impressed with Drotoz's leadership amidst this season. Drotoz is the team's lone senior this year.

"She brings a tremendous amount to the group just being on the court, It's a very unique situation when you have one returning varsity player on varsity.We're in a very unique situation and she's just trying to help and be encouraging and when things don't go how we want it, she's still being encouraging. I love having her around the team and she definitely helps the girls more than they even know."

Brandywine faces Our Lady of The Lake at 6:30 p.m. in St. Joseph. Next up for Cassopolis is Centreville at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Buchanan.

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Buchanan volleyball sweeps Centreville

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BUCHANAN — Host Buchanan improved to 7-0 by sweeping Cassopolis, Saugatuck and Centreville at its quad Wednesday.

The Bucks defeated Saugatuck 25-6 and 25-12, Cassopolis 25-12 and 25-13, as well as Centreville 25-9 and 25-15.

Kills: Alyssa Carson 26, Chloe Aalfs 20, Kenzie Boller 8, Izzy Tibbles 8

Assists: Sophia Bachman 61

Digs: Emily Holt 14, Finley Kehoe 11, Chloe Aalfs 12, Sophia Bachman 8, Izzy Tibbles 5, Alyssa Carson 5

Assisted blocks: Alyssa Carson 6, Sophia Bachman 3

FOOTBALL

‘Bigger, stronger, faster’: Niles football team to make its mark

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Scot Shaw addresses the football team at a recent practice.

NILES — The sound of helmets crashing and whistles blowing has filled the air around Vikings Stadium this week as the Niles football team prepares to start the 2024 season.

“It's good to get back at it,” said Head Coach Scot Shaw. “It's good to be in a game week when you can put together a game plan instead of trying to get everything organized. Now it's for a purpose, so it's been a good week.”

Last year, the Vikings burst onto the scene with a 10-2 record that ended with a loss to Portland in the Division 4 Regional Final. According to Shaw, his team has embraced becoming the “hunted” heading into this season as it doesn’t change their quest for a championship.

“I think we're okay with it,” he said. “Regardless of what people think of us, we can't change it, we can only add to it. If you're competitive and you want championships, that's where you’ve got to be. You’ve got to be in front of everybody's eyes.”

Senior Talen Bennett steps in to replace Talon Brawley at quarterback. Bennett will play behind an offensive line that returns most of its starters from last year’s unit. Seniors Paul Hess and Sam Rucker return as two of the area’s top playmakers along with wide receiver Brenden Olsen.

“Talon Bennett is doing a great job at quarterback,” Shaw said. “We haven't lost a step there and our backs are still fast. Defensively we'll see if we can hold up up front against bigger teams. We're not undersized, but we're not huge and we weren't last year either. Hopefully we fly to the ball and can make stops and turn the ball around and give it back to our offense because I think we can score.”

For Shaw, the offensive line was the strength of a Vikings offense that averaged 46.5 points per game. Having the majority of that unit return has been a boon for the team.

“When we started in June, when we wanted to walk through a formation, our kids knew right where to go, who they had and all that kind of stuff. That's good for us in the sense that their confidence level is higher when they know what they're doing.”

Shaw said the program is starting to reap the benefits of fielding a freshmen, junior varsity and varsity team for the first time in his tenure at Niles.

“Now that we're gonna have three teams, (the consistency) is going to happen year after year because they're doing the same thing we're doing,” Shaw said. “It’s what a program's supposed to be.”

For Shaw, the sky is the limit for this year’s group and St. Joseph was the first test.

“We tell these guys that last year's success was last year's team,” Shaw said. “This team has to make its own success and it'll be this year's seniors and I truly believe that. The team personality is a little bit different – we're a little bit quieter but that doesn't mean that we're not gonna be as fast or as excited or anything like that. We have a quieter demeanor but I think that we're bigger, we're stronger and just as fast as or maybe even faster than we were last year.”

The Vikings traveled to St. Joseph Friday night to take on the Bears in the season opener. The recap of that game can be found online at leaderpub.com and will be in the Sept. 7 print edition of the newspaper.

VOLLEYBALL

Niles volleyball sweeps Dowagiac, Lakeshore

By SCOTT NOVAK
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DOWAGIAC — The Niles volleyball team swept Dowagiac and Lakeshore at its tri-match Tuesday.

The match was moved to Dowagiac due to excessive heat and the fact that its gym is air conditioned.

Complete results for the Vikings were unavailable at press time.

Niiles defeated the Chieftains 25-8 and 25-10, while Dowagiac fell to the Lancers 25-17 and 25-19.

"After our match with Lakeshore we decided that running a 6-2 was not working for our team and going into the Niles game we transitioned into a 5-1," said Dowagiac Coach Amber Todd. "Playing against these teams we have to continue to cut back on unforced errors and hitting negative as a team. I thought our serving percentage as a team was solid and we will continue to focus on the little goals so we can improve in every statistical category. Once we cut back on unforced errors and get our team hitting percentage positive we will be a dominant team."

Kills: Hanah McCuddy 1, Ava Nate 2, Riley Todd 2, Marlie Carpenter 4, Tessa Deering 5, Brianna Campbell 3, Laniyah Moss 2

Aces: Hanah McCuddy 1, Zabrina Shivers 2, Tessa Deering 2

Assists: Hanah McCuddy 21, Claire Hess 3, Tessa Deering 1

Digs: Hanah McCuddy 6, Ava Nate 1, Riley Todd 1, Emerson Kruger 1, Claire Hess 6

Tatiyana Lara 6, Marlie Carpenter 3, Zabrina Shivers 15, Tessa Deering 9, Brenna Mott 4

Blocks: Riley Todd 1, Ava Nate 1, Marlie Carpenter 3, Tessa Deering 2

VOLLEYBALL

SMC volleyball goes 4-1 at the OWT for third straight year

By SCOTT NOVAK
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Rockford, Ill. — For the third straight year, the Southwestern Michigan College volleyball team came away from the Opening Weekend Tournament with only one loss.

Tne Roadrunners went 2-0 on the final day of the tournament Sunday.

The Roadrunners defeated RCTC 25-12, 25-20, 25-16 and Oakton 25-17, 25-19, 25-15.

"This is always a great tournament for us to start the season with every year; we get six matches to work together as a team, gel, and figure out our strengths and weaknesses before we head into conference play" said SMC Coach Jenny Nate. "We are excited that we are off to a great start to the season and did a fantastic job playing clean, smart ball, and look forward to hitting the gym this week after film analysis and a rest day in order to prepare for a tough Owens Tournament facing ranked teams."

The Roadrunners are now 5-1 on the season.

Leading scorers: Talan Hiemstra 31 points, 10 aces, Gia Jania 18 points, 5 aces, Josie West 13 points, 1 ace, Ryli Burks 11 points, 3 aces, Cadence Knight 8 points, 4 aces, Anna Johnson 7 points, 2 aces, Reese Maas 2 points, Bri Russell 1 point

Kills: Josie West 19, Ryli Burks 15, Abi Marquis 11, Kallie Solloway 10, Gia Jania 9, Talan Hiemstra 5

Blocks: Gia Jania 4, Talan Hiemstra 3, Abi Marquis 2, Josie West 1, Kallie Solloway 1, Ryli Burks 1

Digs: Cadence Knight 37, Josie West 16, Ryli Burks 15, Amanda Jones 13, Anna Johnson 11, Abi Marquis 8, Gia Jania 6, Talan Hiemstra 6, Kallie Solloway 4, Reese Maas 3, Bri Russell 2

Assists: Anna Johnson 38, Ryli Burks 15

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Kimberely Clabuesch,
Executive Director
Sanya Vitale, Commission President

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Aug. 31, 2024
COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

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Supervisor Kasprzak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Business Office, 1345 Barron Lake Road, Niles. The Pledge to the Flag was recited. Board members present: Wozniak, Gordon, Kasprzak, Conover, Johnson, Daly and Hurlbutt were present.

Board Action
Approved Meeting Agenda.
Approved the minutes of the 07/16/24 Board meeting
Approved the financial report with an ending balance of 1,728,263.68 including a CD
Approved the payment of bills through August 20, 2024
Approved the departmental reports
Approved Budget Amendment for Park for tree trimming
Approved Fire Dept request for $3,495.00 for uniforms
Approved Howard Twp Fire to become BLS-Non transport
Adjourn the meeting at 7:47p.m.

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MEETING SYNOPSIS

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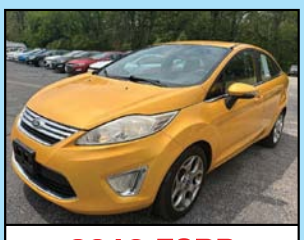

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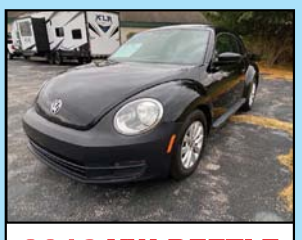

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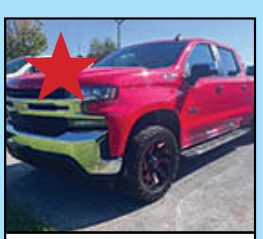

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